### Vermont's Mental Health Transformation Grant

Improving the lives of young adults (18-34) through peer support

Data through April 2015

## More people working or in school



65% of peers (30 of 46) experienced stable or improved employment and/or educational status

57% of peers (12 of 21) not employed or in school when entering the program were employed or in school after participating in the program



# Fewer mental health hospitalizations

15%

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Upon entering the program, 15% of peers (6 of 40) had a recent mental health-related hospitalization

0%

None were hospitalized for mental health reasons within 6 months of reassessment

## More people housed in the community

57% of peers (8 of 14) who were homeless when entering the program were no longer homeless after participating in the program



86%

86% of peers (19 of 22) who owned or rented their housing at baseline continued to do so at reassessment

### More positive social connections

67% of peers (8 of 12) without positive social connections at baseline reported positive connections at reassessment

67% of peers
(14 of 21) without
satisfactory family
relationships at
baseline reported
satisfactory
relationships at
reassessment



More info on back!

The MHTG funds two community centers (The Wellness Co-op and Another Way) which use a peer to peer approach to provide outreach, engagement, employment services and peer support to young adults

In FY 2015, over 750 individuals generated over 10,000 visits to our two programs

#### What's different about what we do?

- Services are voluntary, nonclinical and flexible
- Support is provided by others with lived experience
- A diagnosis is not required to receive support
- Individuals are offered many opportunities and ways to become part of the community through group meals, music, art and support groups
- Individuals' whole health is addressed by providing opportunities for physical activity (yoga, meditation, group outings) and creative expression (art and music) within a nurturing and inspiring physical environment that they help create

#### Want to find out more? Give us a call!

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